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## General Comment

I am concerned about the new HHS guidelines! Under these guidelines, most health insurance plans in the United States will have to provide the full range of birth control drugs by August 1, 2012. No co-pay can be required. From a fiscal perspective, it is impossible to see how this will bring down health care costs because birth control drugs are extremely expensive. And more importantly, this regulation will completely eliminate the right of employers to follow their conscience and refuse to offer birth control drugs to their employees in company-funded health care plans. Many employers object to using their company resources to pay for birth control, and many more strongly object to using company resources to pay for abortion-inducing drugs like "Ella" and the "morning after pill," which have been shown to harm women, and actually kill the developing baby by starving it of nutrients.

I have grave concerns with the narrow religious exemption in these new guidelines to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. I believe that the religious exemption should be broadened to not only include houses of worship, but also religious organizations, religious colleges, and employer-funded private health insurance plans if the employer has a conscientious objection to using corporate funds to pay for birth control or abortion-inducing drugs.

The United States WAS FOUNDED ON RELIGIOUS AND PERSONAL FREEDOMS BUT THESE GUIDELINES OBLITERATE THOSE FREEDOMS!!!!